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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10-31-00 (RFE and prelim amdt)
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-11, 13, 14 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-11, 13, 14 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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The request for an RCE is acknowledged. A first action in such RCE follows. Last amendment is ~~entered~~ ^{entered, but is noted to be improper}; all lines in claims must be at double or one and a half spacing. If any of claims 1, 7 or 13 are to be amended, they should be rewritten with proper line spacing.

Abstract, a sentence noting use of two guides (68,70) for a PCMCIA card and a flash card should be added.

This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Drawings as amended and spec. Are objected to as follows.

Fig. 1, lead line 20 should be to the plug. Numbered 34 (page 3, line 22) is not seen in fig 2; numeral 44 (the lock) is not seen. Page 4, lines 14-17 refer to a "front 52" but in fig 2 "52" represents the rails.

Fig 2 is objected to, two slots 68, 70 but only a single card 60 is shown. Both cards should be shown accorded numerals and referred to in the spec.

Fig. 3, the socket in part 62 should be given a numeral (68 if that is correct) and the second socket should also be shown in the figure. Fig. 2 should be revised to clearly show the two slots at least in part.

Numeral 60 (fig 2) is not found in the spec.

Claim 1 while proper could be amended to more clearly define "use of plural card slots for receiving plural PC cards" ^{if} ~~is~~ that is the intended limitation.
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Claim 1, 3-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai in view of Shieh, Darden, Cheng, Heung, Lwee Klatt, Klein and admitted prior art..

Obvious to form the Tsai assembly 1 to be insertable along rails into a docking assembly of the type shown in Darden or admitted prior art, fig. 1.

Also obvious to add a fan in view of Cheng, Heung and Klein.

In addition, for claims 1, 4-6, as broadly recited a single slot as in Tsai or Shieh is adequate. Should issues arise also obvious to form the carrier with plural slots for plural PC cards in view of Lwee figs 2,3 and Klatt. For claim 14, obvious to use a lock in view of Darden.

Claims 1, ³~~8~~-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Darden, Tsai, Cheng, Hueng, Lwee, Klatt and Klein.

It would have been obvious to form the prior art, fig. 1 carrier with a slot or slots for receiving cards in view of Tsai at fig. 2 at 1223 and 5 and Shieh at 9. Also obvious to form the carrier with plural slots for PC cards in view of Lwee and Klatt. For claim 1, it also is submitted that a single slot receiver would be adequate.

Also obvious to add a fan in view of Cheng, Klein and Heung.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng in view of Darden and admitted prior art.

Note Cheng power connector 21 and fan 25. Obvious to use the Cheng carrier 20 with a docking assembly with rails like 100 of Darden or 14 of prior art, fig. 1.

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